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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application 103 01 834.4 of which the above-referenced application claims priority:

- (1) DE 199 50 059 A1, April 19, 2001; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e., casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. The following passage of this document is indicated as relevant: Example 2;
- (2) DE 199 42 714 A1, March 15, 2001; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passage of this document is indicated as relevant: Example 2;

(3) DE 100 41 220 A1, March 7, 2002; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e., casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims in connection with Examples 3, 5, 10, 13;

(4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0224025 A1 (GOTSCHE et al.), December 4, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3);

(5) EP 06 12 518 B1, August 31, 1994; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 4-10, 15, 16, Examples 2, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5, 6, 9-12, Tables 8-1, 8-3, 8-5;

(6) U.S. Patent No. 5,334,387 (HAUGK), August 2, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (5);

(7) WO 03/022238 A1, March 20, 2003; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1-7, 11, 14, 15, Example 7;

(8) WO 02/074264 A2, September 26, 2002; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1-6, 11-13, Example 7;

(9) WO 02/074258 A2, September 26, 2002; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness

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(10) WO 00/69404 A1, November 23, 2000; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e., casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Examples 13, 14, 16.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

(11) WO 01/10403 A1, February 15, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 1, fourth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;

(12) WO 90/10429 A1, September 20, 1990; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 1, fourth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;

(13) DE 199 21 186 A1, November 16, 2000; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 1, fourth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;

(14) DE 199 44 545 C1, March 8, 2001; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 1, fourth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;

- (15) Modern Cosmeticology, Vol. 1, 1996, Ralph G. Harry, F.R.I.C., 1962, pp. 115-119; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 2, third paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (16) Kosmetologie, 3rd edition, 1976, Dr. J. Jellinek (pp. 235-239); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 2, fourth paragraph of the English translation of the present application.
- (17) EP 1 046 387 B1, October 25, 2000; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 15, third paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,251,954 B1 (ROULIER et al.), June 26, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (17);
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 5,426,182 (JENKINS et al.), June 20, 1995; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 17, eighth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (20) DE 43 44 661 A1, June 29, 1995; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 17, ninth paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (21) EP 0 295 886 A2, December 21, 1988; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 20, second paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 5,266,321 (SHUKUZAKI et al.), November 30, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 20, second paragraph of the English translation of the present application;

- (23) EP 0 570 838 A1, November 24, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 42, first paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (24) U.S. Patent No. 5,346,691 (RASPANTI), September 13, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (23);
- (25) EP 0 775 698 A1, May 28, 1997; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 44, third paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (26) U.S. Patent No. 5,955,060 (HÜGLIN et al.), September 21, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (25);
- (27) WO 92/20690 A1, November 26, 1992; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 47, first paragraph of the English translation of the present application;
- (28) U.S. Patent No. 5,403,944 (FRATER et al.), April 4, 1995; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (27).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Patent Application, which was filed on the same day as the above-referenced application:

- (29) Serial No. 10/759,160 having the title "**PEARLESCENT COSMETIC OR DERMATOLOGICAL FORMULATIONS**" (Applicants: Silke KOHLHASE et al.)

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following additional documents which are cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application 103 01 836.0 of which document (29) claims priority:

- (30) DE 199 43 436 A1, March 15, 2001; accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (31) DE 691 11 466 T2, April 4, 1996;
- (32) WO 92/09264, June 11, 1992; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (31).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are cited in document (29):

- (33) EP 0 281 360 A1, September 7, 1988;
- (34) U.S. Patent No. 4,870,167 (ZODY et al.), September 26, 1989; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (33);
- (35) U.S. Patent No. 5,654,362 (SCHULZ, JR. et al.), August 5, 1997;
- (36) U.S. Patent No. 4,980,167 (HARASHIMA et al.), December 25, 1990;
- (37) U.S. Patent No. 4,742,142 (SHIMIZU et al.), May 3, 1988;
- (38) JP 2-243612 A, September 27, 1990; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (36);
- (39) U.S. Patent No. 4,761,454 (OBA et al.), August 2, 1988.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and published U.S. Patent Applications) and of the German Search Report for German Patent Application 103 01 834.4 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

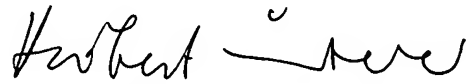
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Respectfully submitted,
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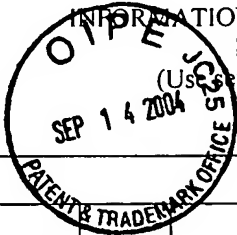


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